

Amendment in response to Office Action
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REMARKS

Claims 11-30 were pending with claims 1-10 being previously cancelled. In this paper, claims 11-14 and 24-30 have been amended. No claims have been cancelled and no claims have been added. Accordingly, upon entry of this paper, claims 11-30 will be pending. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in light of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

I. Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

The Office rejected claims 11-30 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,792,552 to Langkamp ("Langkamp"). The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Applicant notes that Langkamp is directed to a reusable concrete form panel sheeting and that the claimed invention is directed an interior trim panel of a vehicle that may be positioned proximate an air bag in order to permit an airbag to be deployed through the interior trim panel. Specifically, Applicant submits that Langkamp is non-analogous art and that one of skill in the art in Applicant's endeavor would not consult Langkamp's teachings nor would Langkamp be reasonably pertinent to the particular problem with which Applicant was concerned. *In re Oetiker*, 977 F.2d 1443 (Fed. Cir. 1992).

To expedite prosecution, however, Applicant has also elected to clarify the subject matter of the invention by amending the claims in this paper. As such, Applicant submits that each of independent claims 11, 14 and 24 are allowable over the art of record. Claims 12-13, 15-23 and 25-30 depend directly or indirectly from independent claims 11, 14 and 24 and include patentably-distinct limitations. Withdrawal of the rejection to and subsequent allowance of claims 11-30 is requested

Conclusion

In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 50-3145, under Order No. 209546-103448 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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